

According to various accounts, including testimony heard before the Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, and Intergovernmental Relations, third country nationals are hired by prime and subcontractors holding U.S. government contracts. They are recruited by labor brokers who lure them into these positions under false pretenses. Many have been robbed of wages, injured without compensation, subjected to sexual assault, or held in deplorable conditions resembling indentured servitude by their subcontractor bosses. They are deceived about their work location or conditions when they are recruited, and many paid an illegal job broker fee equal to or greater than their final pay.

Using taxpayer dollars to support these conditions is immoral, inappropriate, and un-American. To eliminate this abhorrent practice being funded by taxpayer dollars, Rep. Connolly (D-VA) and I introduced an amendment to the FY13 NDAA to clarify from now on this practice will not be tolerated.

Further, hundreds of support personnel are needed to ensure these military and diplomatic operations continue to remain effective. Despite our efforts, we are still using human trafficking for labor on our bases in Afghanistan and in our Middle East embassies.